

STATE OF NEVADA



PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, Beverlee McGrath was born in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, then moved to California, where she resides with her husband, Superior Court Judge Charles McGrath, and her children: Jack, Debbie, Danny, and Bridget; and

WHEREAS, Beverlee pursued a college education and started a successful acting and singing career, following the example set by her mother, June Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, Beverlee was awarded the Decency Award from the Screen Actors Guild and appeared as "Dotty" in *Irreconcilable Differences*, with Ryan O'Neal, Sharon Stone, and Drew Barrymore; as "Barbara" in *Inside Out*, with Elliott Gould; was on major television variety shows, commercials, and sitcoms; was a headliner on all of the major cruise ship lines; and was an opening act for major celebrities in Las Vegas casinos and hotels; and

WHEREAS, Beverlee pursued her passion for helping animals by becoming a lobbyist, and she has been responsible for path-breaking legislation in California, including bills requiring counseling for persons who are impacted by animal abuse, mandating the use of alternatives to animal testing for cosmetics and household cleaning products, stopping the use of pigs in General Motors crash testing, requiring the addition of a bittering agent to automotive anti-freeze, providing for forfeiture of property upon conviction for animal fighting, requiring immediate treatment for downed livestock animals, prohibiting the sale of puppies under eight weeks of age, requiring spaying and neutering, requiring pet stores to provide basic care sheets for proper care of the animals they sell, and including pets in domestic violence cases; and

WHEREAS, Beverlee has been instrumental in promoting legislation in Nevada dealing with animal issues such as making animal fighting a felony conviction, requiring counties to adopt ordinances regarding puppy mills, requiring identification on traps set by trappers, prohibiting the sale of live animals at swap meets, prohibiting of breed discrimination at shelters, promoting wild horses as a tourist attraction, prohibiting horse tripping, and allowing "bite animals" to go to rescue groups instead of being euthanized; and

WHEREAS, Beverlee's accomplishments in Nevada also include measures founding the statewide "cross-reporting" program in domestic violence and animal abuse cases, founding the statewide Domestic Violence and Pet Sheltering project, prohibiting the constant tethering of dogs, and allowing dogs and cats to be adopted upon release from testing facilities; and

WHEREAS, Beverlee served as the Western Regional Director for the Doris Day Animal League, Nevada State Director for the Humane Society of the United States, and a Nevada Legislative Specialist representing several organizations, such as the American Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Best Friends Animal Society, Nevada Humane Society (NHS), Northern Nevada Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals, Nevada Political Action for Animals, Tahoe Humane Society, Pet Network of Lake Tahoe, Wylie Animal Rescue, Fallon Animal Welfare, Hidden Valley Horse Rescue, Vegas Compassion Charity for Animals, Paw Pac, NHS Carson City, and Nevada Wolf Rescue; and

WHEREAS, Because of her untiring efforts to improve the welfare of animals in our State, Beverlee has become a respected and trusted lobbyist before the Nevada Legislature; now, therefore, be it

PROCLAIMED, By the 2015 Nevada Legislature that May 31, 2015, be declared as "Beverlee McGrath Day" in honor of her more than 25 years of volunteer commitment on behalf of animal rights and wildlife preservation in Nevada and California.

DATED this 31st day of May 2015.



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